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- a. Bulgarian Border Units.
- b. Reorganization of Bulgarian Border Units.
- c. 6th Regiment, Elkhovo Town, Yambol, Bulgaria.
- d. Infantry Unit in Ravna Gora Village, Khaskova.
- e. Military Units in Bulgaria.

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1. In Sliven [redacted]
There was a tank unit here.

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[redacted] no information concerning
the formation, subordination, [redacted] or commander of this unit.

2. In Maritsa [redacted] there is an infantry
unit there. [redacted] no information concerning this unit.

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3. In Turnovo [redacted]
An infantry unit [redacted] is stationed here. [redacted]
Georgi Khristov KHRISTOV is currently serving with this unit.
no further information concerning this unit.

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4. In Sofia [redacted]
Infantry unit [redacted] is stationed here. [redacted]
Khristo Ivanov KHRISTOV is serving with this unit as a chauffeur.
[redacted] heard that in 1962 this unit was transferred from Sofia
to another place. [redacted] doesn't know that place.

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5. In Yambol [redacted]
There is a unit [redacted] no further knowledge
concerning same.

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Towards the end of 1961 [redacted]
[redacted] heard that a villager named Boris Enchev RUSEV

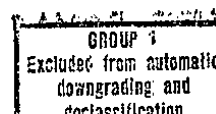
[redacted] was serving with the unit [redacted] in Yambol.
[redacted] has no further knowledge concerning this unit.

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6. In Belogratchik [redacted]

[redacted] the border units stationed here. 50X1-HUM

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[] heard that after the recruit training the border units vacated the barracks area in Belogratchik. This barracks area was occupied by a tank unit. [] doesn't have any information concerning this tank unit.

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7. Information [] concerning the infantry unit consisting of 2 companies or a battalion in Ravna Gora village [] Khaskovo, and the Bulgarian border units, will be submitted separately.

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Infantry Unit in 'Ravna' Gora Village, Khaskovo

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1. There is an infantry unit barracks area located in the northwest of Ravna Gora village, Khaskovo. [] cannot give the exact location of this barracks area []

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2. The infantry unit consists probably of 2 ~~battalions~~ companies and 1 battalion. It was stationed there before 1961.

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3. This unit held maneuvers in Karabash between Shtit and Ravna Gora villages in April 1962. It was then [] saw the infantry unit. [] has seen self-propelled rifles of Kalashnikov type and long-barreled guns covered with sail-cloth which were drawn by trucks. The guns were probably anti-aircraft guns. [] has seen two guns of similar type.

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Although [] has seen 15-20 trucks (of Zil and Zis type) from afar, [] didn't notice whether or not these were drawing guns. There were also 5-6 jeeps. In one of the jeeps [] in Shtit village, there was a transmitting-and receiving set.

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[] during the maneuvers this unit also carried a portable kitchen.

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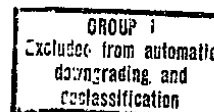
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4. [] no other knowledge concerning this unit. [] presumes that this unit is charged with maintaining the security and defense of the concrete emplacements on the slopes of Malik Karabash Hill (470 m alt.) near Ravna Gora village, Golyam Karabash Hill (536 m.alt.) and Dervishka Mogila Hill, near Studena village. [] heard that food-stuffs and amunitions were stor50X1-HUM in the concrete emplacements near these hills, and that there was a telephone communication between them.

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[] had the opportunity of seeing some of these concrete 50X1-HUM
emplacements from a close distance and noted that their gates (?) were
kept locked. [] cannot state the location of these emplacements. 50X1-HUM

5. [] heard that after March 1962 another unit 50X1-HUM
encamped for the summer in the forest north of Ravna Gora village.
[] does not know from where this infantry unit has come 50X1-HUM
nor to which Hdq. it is subordinate. 50X1-HUM

[] no other information concerning this.

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6th Regiment, Elkhovo Town, Yambol, Bulgaria

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- I. The hdq. of the 6th Otryad is located in Elkhovo, Yambol. [] does not know since when this Otryad was stationed in Elkhovo. [] can not determine the location of the Otryad, because [] has never been to Elkhovo. 50X1-HUM

[] the Otryad [] commander is Col. Kristev, but [] does not know his covert name. 50X1-HUM

2. [] the 6th Otryad is directly subordinated to the Command in Chief of Border Units in Sofia. 50X1-HUM

Units subordinate to the 6th Otryad:
Komandatura hdq. 50X1-HUM

I) Ith Komandatura is in Vernik village, Yambol, [] and the commander is Maj. Karamonov- covert name is unknown. 50X1-HUM

- 2) IIInd Komandatura is probably located in Leesovo village, Yambol, [] and its covert name is Petolichka. [] does not know the name of the commander. [] no further information about this Komandatura. 50X1-HUM
[] presumes that there are other Komandatura hdq. subordinated to the 6th Otryad, but [] does not know their locations.

Recruit training hdq:

Recruit training hdq. attached to the 6th Otryad is located in Belogratchik.

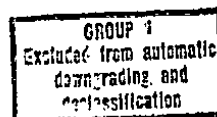
Note: Detailed information about the recruit training hdq. is given below:

Engineering Company: 50X1-HUM

[] an engineering company consisting of 100 privates is subordinated to the 6th Otryad in Elkhovo. This unit is occupied with installing the barbed-wire, traps and alarming sets, and repairs. [] on June, 1962, this engineering unit was located in the area of IXth Zastava(locality is unknown) subordinated to the 6th Otryad. This unit was busy in installing the alarming set called K2eon. and the barbed-wire called Zavel. 50X1-HUM

[] no further information about this Unit. 50X1-HUM

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Sergeant School:

This school is located in Elkhovo. Three privates from every Zastava is dispatched to this school every year. The privates are chosen by the platoon commander. The school started on May, and it was over on September. The graduates of this school were given the rank of candidate sergeants.

[redacted] no more knowledge about this school, neither the teaching schedule in the school. 50X1-HUM

Zastavas:

Zastavas subordinated to Ith Komandatura hdq. in Varnik:

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1) Ith Zastava:

It is in Skafit village. [redacted]
the commander is Maj. Tonev- covert name is Dnepir.

2) IIInd Zastava

It is located between Mihalich and Sladun villages. [redacted]

Capt. Dinkov- covert name is unknown.

The commander is

[redacted] no further knowledge about this Zastava.

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3) IIIrd Zastava

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It is located between Sladun and Matochina villages. [redacted]
and the commander is Captain.

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[redacted] 18 Zastava subordinated to the 6th Otryad exist.

Zastavas I, II, III, IV, V, and VI are attached to the Ith Komandatura in Varnik.

[redacted] does not have information about the rest.

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3. Officers in the 6th Otryad:

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Col. Kristev is the Commander of the 6th Otryad. [redacted]

Assistant Commander, Lit. Col, Kostadinov

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Other officers:

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Capt. Spirov [redacted]

Capt. Tod or ov [redacted]

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Maj. Vangelov [REDACTED]

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Maj. Gelkov [REDACTED]

One of the last two majors was the Chief of the Intelligence Service, and the other was the commander of the engineering unit attached to the same Otryad.

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Capt. Ivanov - He is/responsible man for the guns. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] they had come to inspect the
Zastava [REDACTED]

Commander of the Ith Zastava:

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Maj. Tonev [REDACTED]

First Lit. Petrov, Political Commander of the Ith Zastava:

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Assistant of Regular Commander in the Ith Zastava, Capt. Todorov:

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Officers of the Intelligence Service in Ith Zastava:

Maj. Stoyanov [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is working under the command of the Ith Zastava
in Varnik. 50X1-HUM^a

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[redacted] he organizes groups
volunteering to associate with the Border Units.

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Capt. Chushkov working on the Border privates on the Border Zone:

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[redacted] He controls the conducts of the privates in the Border Units.
On May or June, 1962, Chushkov was transferred to another place.

[redacted]

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Officers in the Ith Komandatura:

Commander of the Ith Komandatura hdq. Maj. Karamanov -

[redacted] He was appointed
from the Battalion hdq in Svilengrad to the Command of the Ith Komandatura
in Varnik in 1961.

[redacted]

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Assistant Political Commander in the Ith Komandatura hdq. , Maj. Apostolov-

[redacted]

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There is also a captain at the Ith Komandatura hdq. but

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does not

There are two non-commissioned officers - senior sergeant-major, and sergeant-major in the Ith Komandatura hdq.

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Ith Zastava sergeant-major Kinev

[redacted]

4. Ith Komandatura Hdq. in Varnik subordinated to the 6th Otryad:

I) It is located at the north east of Varnik village right at the

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north of the T.K.Z.S. buildings, in the 1th battalion hdq. area attached to the 6th Otryad. This battalion hdq. is situated on a higher level as compared to the neighboring lands. The area is surrounded with barbed-wire at everywhere, and it is in the form of a rectangle extending 150 m. from east to west, and 80 m. from north to south.

About 10 buildings are located in the area:

- a) The largest building in the area is the one used as officer's lodgings, of two flats, and has enough room to shelter six families.
 - b) Single-storeyed building in which the hdq, telephone station, officer's offices, and shoe-repairmen are stationed.
 - c) Dormitory.
 - d) Building containing the kitchen, and the munitions depot.
 - e) Building in which the wireless set was situated before.
 - f) Blacksmith and repair work-shop.
 - g) Building used as an oven.
 - h) Stable
 - i) Infirmary
 - j) Grass depot, open shed used as a garage.
- 2) Upon a reorganization on the Border Units on May or June 1961, the reserve force stationed in the battalion hdq. was annulled, therefore the building which was a dormitory at that period is vacant now. The oven is being used by the civilian people to supply the necessary bread for Varnik peasants. A civilian shoe-maker from Svilengrat works there, and a civilian blacksmith is employed in the work-shop. Besides these civilians, Ivan, the pigherd is also a civilian.
 - 3) Presently, there 5-6 officers, 2 non-commissioned officers, and 5-6 soldiers providing the necessities are in the battalion hdq.
 - 4) 5-6 soldiers stationed in this battalion hdq. are armed with infantry rifles charged with 5 shells. No other gun exist in the battalion hdq. A shell depot is located in the battalion hdq. and shells are distributed to the Zastavas. The shells are infantry rifle shells. No other ammunition or clothing apparel depot exist in the battalion hdq. The whole necessities of the Zastavas except the shells are provided by the Otryad.
 - 5) 10 horses, 2 carts, a carriage for the portable camera, a truck of Molotovka type, and a jeep belong to the Komandatura. The driver of the truck is a civilian.
 - 6) A telephone station maintaining the communication with the Zastavas attached to the battalion hdq. and with the Otryad. 50X1-HUM
Although it was alleged that a wireless set was found here, [redacted] doubts that even a wireless set is established, the wireless set can not operate since there is no single private skilled for it. 50X1-HUM
A wireless set was given to every one of the Zastavas on June, 1961, but these were taken back on September or October, and therefore, [redacted] is doubtful about the existence of a wireless set in the battalion hdq. 50X1-HUM
[redacted] has no more knowledge about the 1th Battalion hdq. 50X1-HUM

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5 - Ith Zastava attached to the Ith battalion in Varnik subordinated to the 6th Otryad:

- 1) It is located at the east of Shtit village, Haskovo, at the south of the highway extending from Shtit village to Pashovo village, and at the west of the brook between these two villages. This Zastava area is on a higher level^{as} compared to the Border zone and just near to the Shtit villages houses. The area is surrounded by barbed-wire, and it extends 60 m. from east to west, and 100 m. from north to south.

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- 2) the commander is Maj. Tonev- covert name is Dnepir.
- 3) There are three officers in this Zastava. Their functions are to act as the commander, political, and assistant political commander. 37 privates are stationed in the Zastava. Four of them are sergeants, 1 is candidate sergeant, 8-9 are corporals, and the rest are soldiers.
- 37 privates are divided into three squads. One of the sergeants is the dog-keeper, the other one is the sanitary-officer, and the next two are candidate sergeants and the commander of the squad.
- 4) Arms in the Ith Zastava:
- a) Three light machine-guns of Dikteryov type. These are under the direction of the squad commanders.
 - b) Self-propelled infantry rifle containing 30 shells - Kalashnikov type. There are such I8, I9 rifles.
 - c) Folded infantry rifles with bayonets - S.K.S. type. There are 200 of them.
 - d) Attack and defense hand-grenades of F-1 and F-2 type.
 - e) Infantry shell of 7.62 m.m. There is always a case full of these shells in the Zastava. One case contains about 1250 shells.
 - f) Machine-gun shell of 7.62 m.m. Zastava has 9 cases full of these shells. These shells are lined up on a tape. Each case has 100 shells.
 - g) Gas mask - I5-20. These are used during some drills and maneuvers.
- 5) Clothing and equipments in the Ith Zastava:
- a) Privates of the Border Units are given two types of clothes- for winter and summer. The summer clothes can be worn only for one season. The worn out clothes are delivered to the Regiment Hdq. The winter clothes are to be worn for two seasons, and these are collected by the non-commissioned officer at the Zastava at the end of the first year, and every private receives his previous clothes the next year.

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- b) A pair of heavy army shoes are given to the Border Units per year.
- c) Rubber shoes are given to each private once in three months. The patrols wear these rubber shoes along the Border Line. These are black in color, and there are ties of thin belts. The worn out rubber shoes are to be delivered to the Otryad hdq.
- d) During winter time guards are dressed in white overalls, and cotton clothes.
- e) Zastava has 15 pairs of skates . [redacted]

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6) Meals at the 1th Zastava:

Three meals are given in the Zastava: Breakfast, lunch and supper.

Breakfast:

Lime flower tea(as much as required) a spoonfull of sugar, white cheese, eggs, marmalade, sweetmeat, or macoroni.

Sometimes beans soup instead of tea.

Usually there are two types of food at breakfast. For example:

White cheese and 1 egg, white cheese with sweetmeat, white cheese with marmalade or 1 egg with sweetmeat. Every portion except the egg is 50-60 grams.

Lunch:

Soup, meat, and vegetable, macoroni , compout, or pudding.

Supper:

Meat or vegetable, macoroni, compout or pudding.

800 gram of bread is given to every private. A private cooks in the Zastava. 800 grams of bread is divided into three pieces and distributed to the privates.

The food is served by the privates on duty.

7) Daily schedule in the Zastava:

Every private has a right to sleep for 8 hours a day. Within the remaining hours privates are supposed to keep duties, and responsible in the work assigned.

According to the daily schedule, privates at the Zastava are to get up at 05;00, have breakfast at 05;30. They are kept busy till 13;30- the lunch hour. They can take a rest at 14;00, and then work till 17;00 or 18;00. Sometimes lessons are taught from 14;00 till 17;30. The daily order is announced at 19;00, and it is time to sleep at 20;00.

This schedule is applied to the privates who take on duty.

8) Transportation vehicles in the 1th Zastava:

Zastava has 1 horse cart, two horses, 1 coachman and two horses for riding.

9) Types of duties:

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a) ~~SEKRET~~ (Secret)

It is the watch duty by laying an ambush. Two privates go to a certain spot at night, and conceal themselves 15-20 m. apart from each other. It is forbidden to converse, smoke, in other words to reveal their places. They are suggested to stand up in order to stay awake, but if this becomes an obstacle for concealment, then they have to sit down.

This watch duty is always kept at night, and the private is responsible to keep it for 6-8 hours.

b) DOZOR:

Two privates are responsible to control the control trail strip parallel to the Border Line at nights for two hours.

This watch duty takes about three hours.

c) PATROL:

Two privates patrol beyond the Border Line. This watch duty takes about 4-8 , and the patrols check the certificates of the individuals they meet.

d) POST ZA NABLUĐENIE:

This is the observation duty. Two privates keep it. The duty is kept during the daytime for 8-10 hours. Observing guards watch the Territory up from the towers. 50X1-HUM

Secret observation guards are stationed in the Border Units, too. Only this duty is not applied in the Ith Zastava.

e) CHASOVI NA ZASTAVA:

A single private is responsible to secure the Zastava Area. This duty is assigned to a private 8 hours a day .

f) CHASOVI NA GRANITSA:

This is the patrolling duty consisting of two privates checking on the control trail strip on the Border Line, and can extend towards the interior of Bulgaria(like Patrol).

g) KONVOY:

Privates accompany the seized people. The number of privates is always more than the number of the seized people being transported.

h) DEJUREN PO ZASTAVA:

A single private keeps it inside the Zastava Post. This guard is responsible to wake up the privates to attend duties, deliver the rifles and ammunitions to them, provide their food supplies, charge the rifles, and discharge them. He is either a sergeant or

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a corporal, and stays on watch constantly for 12 hours.

IO) Assignment of watch duties:

The duties are assigned according to a schedule under the approval of the platoon commander and the other officers. The duty schedule is written down in a book. The officer on duty keeps this book. In this book the name of the private who is to keep the duty where and at what time, and with whom, and also the duration of the duty are registered in the book. The daily order is announced every day at 19:30. Every private in the Zastava has a number. Sometimes the numbers are announced in the order.

The privates sleeping at night are awakened by the guard half an hour before the watch duty. Soon after he wakes up, and puts up all his equipments, and gets the rifles from the guard inside the Zastava Post, he goes up before the officer on guard ~~ready~~ ^{exactly} for the service.

The officer delivers the order in which he is enlightened what type of a duty he has to keep, where he should be going, and how he should behave. Later, the rifles are charged under the supervision of the guard outside the building, and the private goes for the watch duty.

Since the officer knows where the privates are situated, he is able to control them.

The privates returning from the duty, call the guard inside the building, and discharge their rifles outside the building, and after lubricating, and cleaning them, they deliver them to the guard inside. If the privates are hungry, then they are served food.

It is the rule for the guard returning from the duty to go up to the officer in charge, but it is not always applied. Only the privates patrolling on the control trail strip go up to the officer and write in the book what part of the control trail strip they have watched, and what they have observed within the area, and sign it.

II) Equipments of the guards:

Clothes, rubber shoes (especially at night) or army shoes, raincoat (in winter time) a full waterbottle, a package of First Aid materials, and some string. The rifle of Kalashnikov type carries 100 shells, and infantry rifle 60 shells.

According to the order the privates receive, they are to take pistol firing sky rockets, or flashlights.

Every guard has a telephone receiver, and they are enabled to join the telephone network through the plug at the end of the cable fastened to the telephone receiver, and communication ^{with Zastava} is maintained.

The privates assigned duties over 8 hours carry their food with them. Guards wear white overalls on winter days, and cotton underwears.

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I2) Entanglements, traps, and alarming sets, types, and location:(1) Barbed-wire line:

A barbed-wire line extends between the boundary stone marked 304-306, and its height is 2 m. The barbed-wire lines are 25-30 cm. apart and they are supported by wooden poles. This barbed-wire extends 10 m. north of the Border Line, and parallel to the Border Line.

(2) Control trail strip:

It is a control trail strip 10-200 m. north of the Border Line, ploughed at a width of 8-12 m, raked, and made into a rough earth layer.

This control trail strip is under constant watch, and every trace seen on the area is identified, and it helps to seize the people crossing the border line. This control trail strip is continuously raked, and kept under care. Control trail strips extends all along the border line in the Ith Zastava area.

(3) Barbed-wire entanglement:

It consists of interlocked barbed-wires making it difficult to pass through.

This barbed-wire entanglement is installed on the section where the brook right next to the boundary stone marked 306 cuts the Border Line.

(4) TS-A(TSE DVE) A larming set:

This set consists of a small box and two wires stretching out from this box. This is used by the guards lying in ambush. Wires extend 150-300 m. sideways, and these are fastened to stakes 120 cm. above the surface of the ground. These wires are extremely thin. A device placed in the box gives out a sound whenever one of these wires is broken. This installation is very sufficient against the people intending to cross the Border Line secretly, since any man can breast these wires without being aware of them, and break them as well. The guards on duty before the sets immediately set out for the spot where the wire is broken, and discovering the direction of the fugitive, they try to pursue or cut his way. Thus the set enables the ambush guards to overpower in a larger area. This set is situated in 4 spots in the Ith Zastava.

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- (a) One is situated next to the stone heap beside the telephone pole in a cotton field north of the boundary stone marked 303. The alarming wires here are stationary, the apparatus is carried to the place at nights. The wires of this set extend as far as Tilki Dere (brook) on the east, and the Devete Mogili (two hills between the boundary stones marked 303-304) on the west.
- (b) A similar set is situated in the earth retrenchment 20 m. away from the Border Line, across the boundary stone marked 305. A building was rising in place of this set before. Presently it appears in the form of a hill. Wires connected with this alarming set stretch 20-30 m. towards Bulgaria, and one extends to the east, and the next to the west parallel to the Border zone. The wires extending to the east reach the Devete Mogili. It ends right after the end of the wire belonging to the set there. On the west, the wire ends at the level of the boundary marked 306. This set can be seen from [] by the stakes supporting the wires.
- (c) An alarming set is also established southwest of Shtit village, in Pirvominna district, west of the highway branching out from Shtit village [] on a hill, at the west of two elm trees. The wires of this set stretch out as far as Edirne highway on the east, and across the boundary stone marked 308 on the west. Only the western end of it is far to the Border Line. 50X1-HUM
- Note: The locality of this set is not precisely established. Two fountains are found in the vicinity of this hill. Mines were located in the vicinity before.
- (d) Another alarming set is stationed between the boundary stones marked 308-309, far into the interior of the Border Line, north east of Daucha, near to the passage of the present wire-entanglement called Zaval. The wires of this set stretch out as long as the wire-entanglement.

(5) Alarming set firing sky rockets:

It consists of a string, and a device - a plate fastened to the string holding a strong spring tight. The sky rocket is placed on the spring, and a pin fixed to the spring at the same level with the sky rocket capsule. puts the sky rocket up.

The string of the set is stretched on the surface of the earth within a certain distance, and one end of it is fastened to a stationary object. Since the string which gets taut in case of any touch, providing the falling of the plate holding the spring tight, the spring gets loose and the pin on the spring fires the sky rocket.

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Thus, it warns that somebody is passing through. During the daytime the sky rockets in these sets are collected. At night they are again placed.

The spots where this alarming set is situated in the Ith Zastava: ^{TS-2} set

- (a) On 2 or 3 places within the corridor made by the wires/^{or} stretching out from Dvete Mogili from east and west .
- (b) Four more sets are established parallel to the brook extending along the distance between the boundary stones marked 306, and 307. There is no gap through the sets. The string of the set extends as far as the place where the next set is established.
- (c) Four similar sets are situated parallel to the Border Line within the area between boundary stone marked 307 as far as the highway to Edirne via Shtit village. No gap exists among them, either.
- (d) Two similar sets are established within the area from Shtit village to Dvata Bryasta where two elm trees are rising. No gap exists between them.

(6) ZAVAL:

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It consists of two barbed-wire lines/apart and parallel to each other. The space in between the two lines is filled with bushes. It is a good entanglement. It is approximately 2-2.5 m. high. This type of entanglement is recently being built in the Ith Zastava. This entanglement starts from Daucha brook, and extends as long as the Dvata Bryasta. It is incomplete, some spaces are not yet filled in with bushes.

(7) KLEON:

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[] has heard of such an alarming set to be alike Zaval, and that it maintains continuous control by mounting a device at the Zastava. [] no further knowledge about it. It is alleged that one will be built in the Zastava.

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(8) TANFAL:

[] heard that such an alarming existed, too, but [] has no idea about it. This alarming set does not exist in the Ith Zastava.

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Recruit Training in the Border Units:

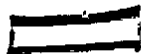
The duration of recruit training at the Border Units is 2 months. Within this period recruits are taught theoretically, and practical lessons. The theoretical lessons consists of political subjects, and the regulations. These lessons are superficial, and usually are given ~~am~~lectures. Great importance is given to the practical lessons. Pursuits, observation, seizing, dispatching, following traces, and identifying traces are drilled on the area.

Besides, the method of using the rifles, and various alarming sets are taught.

[] has no further information.

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Recruits subjected to recruit training in the 5th Otryad, are dispatched

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to the barracks-area in Belogratchik , and drills are held in the vicinity areas.

Note:

 even the most necessary sketches showing the Ith Zastava area are not provided.

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Reorganization of Bulgarian Border Units

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- I.. A reorganization was made in the Border Units during May, 1961 and June. The aim in this reorganization was to decrease the manpower.

Result of this reorganization:

- 1) The strenght of the reserve force stationed in Regiment Hdq. is decreased or this force is completely abolished. In cases of emergency, an auxillary unit consisting of the privates in units of provisions, ammunition, communication and engineering is dispatched from the Regiment Hdq. to the Border Zone.
- 2) The reserve force called Manevrena Grupa stationed at the Battalion Hdq. is absolutely abolished. Presently, there are 5-6 officers working at the battalion hdq., 5-6 soldiers busy in cleaning and repairs of the battalion hdq. area.
- 3) The number of the soldiers at Zastavas are decreased. Each Zastava consists of 4-5 soldiers. Upon this reorganization, the privates above the needed strenght are gathered up at the Regiment Hdq., and they were dispatched to the Armed Units.

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[] presumes that almost 150 privates were dispatched from the 6th Regiment to the Armed Forces.

2. Upon the decrease of the manpower in Zastavas, and annulment of the reserve forces stationed in battalion hdq. which were reinforcing the Zastavas, the Zastavas were given a wireless set on May or June 1961 to maintain quick communication with the larger units in case of emergency.

Two privates from each Zastava were taken to Elkhovo to be subjected to 10-15 days courses. which were held to teach how a wireless operates.

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These wireless sets possess radio telephone transmitter and receivers, and they are portable and equipped with a rode containing anthena.

[] these sets maintain communication with the battalion hdq. This communication is held in codes, and the code keys are in a book. On Sept. 1961, the sets in the Zastavas were collected. [] does not know the reason for it. The privates operating these sets said that these were removed, because accurate communication was not maintained by them.

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The set situated in Zastava I in Shtit village was set into operation between the 17:00 - 18:00 hrs.

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general command named Upravlenie Granichni Voyski, in Sofia.

The border units' general command had been subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior until the end of 1961. In that year there were rumors among the border units, and in May 1962 these units' general command was subordinated officially to the Ministry of Defence.

When they were subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior the border units were considered as apart from the other military units. After they were subordinated to the Ministry of Defence their cooperation with the armed forces became easier.

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[redacted] the fact of the border units' subordination to the Ministry of Defence didn't bring any change.

When the Ministry of Defence took charge of the border units the Zastavas expected to be inspected by the representatives of the Ministry in question. The 1st Zastava in Shtit village, which is subordinate to the 6th Otryad in Elkhovo, had not yet been inspected.

2. The commander in chief of the border units in Sofia is General Slavi CHAKIROV. The border regiments called Otryads are subordinate to the general command of the border units in Sofia. There is no intermediary command between the Otryads and the border units general command.

The platoon stations called Zastavas, are in charge of maintaining the security at the border line of each Otryad area. and

Each Zastava sends out patrols, sets up traps and barriers, installs warning devices for maintaining the security of its own area. The guards and patrols have different aims and functions.

As it is difficult to establish a communication between the Otryads and the Zastavas and takes a long time, several Zastavas which are close to each other are attached to battalion stations called Komandaturas.

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The relative ranks of the border units are as follows:

- 1) General Command of the border units in Sofia.
- 2) Border regiments called Otryads.
- 3) Border battalion stations called Komandaturas.
- 4) Platoon stations called Zastavas.
- 5) Border patrols called Naryats.

Squads are also formed at the Zastavas but they don't play any part in the activities of the Zastavas.

There are also recruit training troops at the border units. These are battalions subordinate to the Otryads. These battalions are formed of companies, platoons and squads.

There are no battalion formations in the active border units.

3. Otryads:

1) In Lubimets village, Khaskovo:

The 13th Otryad is stationed in Lubimets village, Khaskovo.

A Komandatura attached to this Otryad is stationed in Svilengrad.

21 Zastavas are subordinate to this Otryad. The 20th Zastava is located in Kapitan Andreevo village, Svilengrad, and the 21st Zastava is located in Chernodip village, Svilengrad.

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[] no further information concerning the 13th Otryad.

[] the commander of the 21st Zastava in Chernodip is captain ZHELEV.

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Captain ZHELEV []

2) In Elkhovo, Yambol:

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The 6th Otryad is stationed in Elkhovo, Yambol. The APO# is 4670 and the commander is Col. KRISTEV. [] doesn't know its code name.

Note: Information concerning the 6th Otryad will be submitted separately.

[] doesn't know the locations of other Otryads than the above. [] heard that there is an Otryad in Petrich but he is not sure about this.

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